

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0055]] with the following amended paragraph:

[0055] Other weight reduction strategies for perforating guns may also include such steps as omitting the heavy steel cases used by the prior art to confine the shaped charge explosive. In lieu of the omitted steel case, each shaped charge unit may be a) press-formed within a molding die using no dedicated casement or b) formed within a paper, aluminum foil, composite or other such light weight encapsulation medium. These light weight charges may thereafter be seated within corresponding sockets formed into a light weight material loading tube 39 such as STYROFOAM [[Styrofoam]] or other foamed polymer. In the present context, "composite material" is also intended to mean a glass, carbon or polyaramid fiber matrix impregnated by an epoxy or ester polymer resin as well foamed glass and foamed polymer such as STYROFOAM [[Styrofoam]].